Vailsburg

1700's and early 1800's

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Maps of Vailsburg 1700 and early 1800's

These maps were created by Charles McGrath Jr. and this is his explanation of how he created them:

The attached are two maps of the area of Newark called Vailsburg. The detailed map is what it looked like in the 1700's and early 1800's. The other map is for cross reference and shows what the former roads as they presently exist.

The area portrayed on both maps is approximately from South Orange east to the Garden State Parkway and from South Orange Avenue south to Springfield Avenue (this area is approximately two square miles).

Long forgotten roads like "Old Road" and forgotten areas like Flaggy Swamp, Brushy Plain, Dogs Misery and North Farms (part of Camp Farms) can be seen on the detailed map.

I began doing research on the history of Vailsburg in the early 1960's. At that time there were no complete maps of Vailsburg from the 1700's and early 1800's I tried to fill this void by generating a map of Vailsburg from that period. The description of land on a deed would contain coordinates, landmarks and the names of adjacent neighbors.

Through extensive research of land deeds at the Essex County Hall of Records I became very familiar with its residents. This was essential because there were no street names or house numbers.

The map was created like someone trying to solve a jigsaw puzzle. The main difference being that the puzzle pieces also had to be made. I would make a jigsaw piece from a known deed to a common scale of 1" = 300'. This piece would be compared with countless others to find it's location on the map. As a result, after many years of research, I developed a map of Vailsburg which reflects the area from the 1700's to the early 1800's.

Each parcel of land on this map has the following information:

- The name on the property is that of the grantor (owner) who sold the land to the grantee (buyer).
- The year on the property is when the grantor sold it.
- Directly below the year is the letter (or prefix) which indicates the Grantor book and the number represents the page in that book.

The above mentioned information was obtained from the Grantor Books at the Essex County Hall of Records. For an example look at the upper left hand portion of the Vailsburg map. The property with road frontage on the west side of the Road to Connecticut Farms (Stuyvesant Avenue) was sold by Doctor Bonnel to Jabez Baldwin in 1811 A.D. In Grantor's Book T, located on page 367. The following is a description of that parcel of land on this map as copied from the above deed:

On the northwest side of the road that leads from Captain Eleazer Hedden's to Connecticut Farms. Beginning at the southeast corner of Jonathan Lindsley's orchard at a white oak stump.

(1) N68 Degrees W 17 chains and 4 links to Nathaniel Tichenor's.

(2) S14 Degrees W 3 chains to a stake.

(3) S65 Degrees E 17 chains and 78 links to the end of a stone fence.

(4) S11 Degrees W 6 chains and 57 links to Denises Gutter.

(5) S44 Degrees E 3 chains and 90 links to a stake at the corner of

Moses Roberts.

(6) N23 Degrees E 5 chains.

(7) S68 Degrees E 6 chains and 86 links.

(8) N27 Degrees E 7 chains and 27 links.

(9) S78 Degrees E 1 chain.

(10) N26 Degrees E 1 chain and 19 links.

(11) N83 Degrees W 70 links.

(12) N21 Degrees W 2 chains.

(13) N5 Degrees E 1 chain and 54 links .

(14) N63 Degrees W 2 chains and 54 links.

(15) N78 Degrees W 2 chains and 79 links.

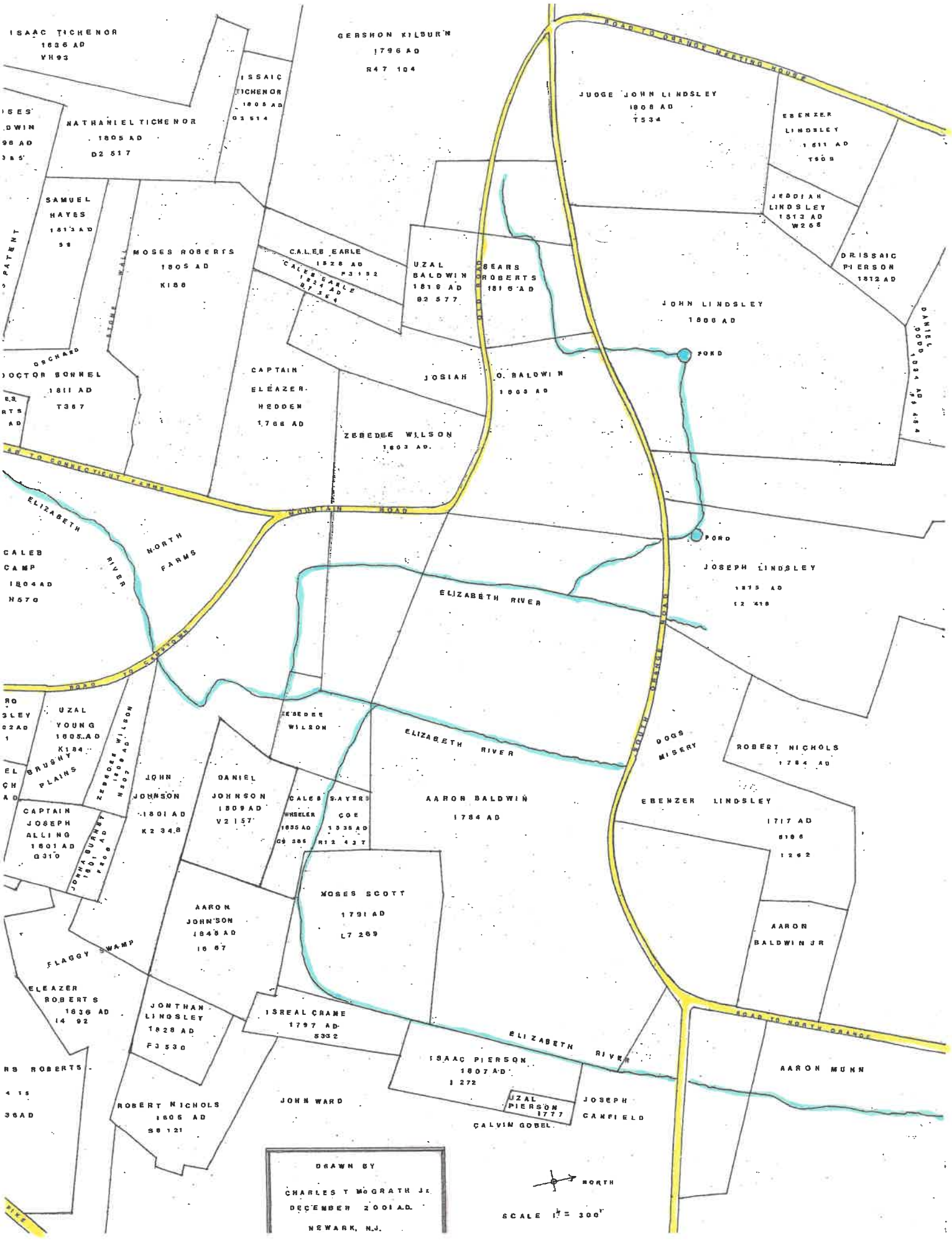
(16) N62 Degrees W 2 chains and 52 links.

(17) N82 Degrees W 2 chains and 78 links.

(18) S25 Degrees W 2 chains and 33 links to the beginning.

(total area = 19 acres)

Note One chain equals 100 links or 66 feet


ISAAC TICHENOR
1636 AD
VH93
GERSHON KILBURN
1796 AD
R47 104
ISSAIC TICHENOR
1805 AD
G3 514
NATHANIEL TICHENOR
1805 AD
D2 517
JUDGE JOHN LINDSLEY
1808 AD
T534
EBENZER LINDSLEY
1811 AD
T505
JEDDIAH LINDSLEY
1813 AD
W265
SAMUEL HAYES
1813 AD
54
MOSES ROBERTS
1805 AD
K186
CALEB EARLE
1828 AD
F3152
UZAL BALDWIN
1816 AD
B2 577
SEARS ROBERTS
1816 AD
DRISSAIC PIERSON
1812 AD
JOHN LINDSLEY
1806 AD
DANIEL DODD
1834 AD
DOCTOR BONNEL
1811 AD
T367
CAPTAIN ELEAZER HEDDEN
1766 AD
JOSIAH O. BALDWIN
1803 AD
ZEBEDEE WILSON
1803 AD.
POND
ROAD TO CONNECTICUT FARMS
MOUNTAIN ROAD
ELIZABETH RIVER
NORTH FARMS
CALEB CAMP
1804 AD
H570
JOSEPH LINDSLEY
1815 AD
12 418
ELIZABETH RIVER
ROAD TO SPRINGFIELD
UZAL YOUNG
1805 AD
K184
BRUSHY PLAINS
ZEBEDEE WILSON
1803 AD
N507
JOHN JOHNSON
1801 AD
K2 348
DANIEL JOHNSON
1809 AD
V2 157
CALEB WHEELER
1835 AD
G9 385
SAYERS COE
1835 AD
R12 437
ELIZABETH RIVER
AARON BALDWIN
1784 AD
DOGS MISERY
ROBERT NICHOLS
1784 AD
EBENZER LINDSLEY
1717 AD
B196
1262
CAPTAIN JOSEPH ALLING
1801 AD
G310
JOHN BURNET
1801 AD
F508
AARON JOHNSON
1848 AD
16 87
MOSES SCOTT
1791 AD
L7 269
AARON BALDWIN JR
FLAGGY SWAMP
ELEAZER ROBERTS
1836 AD
14 92
JONTHAN LINDSLEY
1828 AD
F3530
ISREAL CRANE
1797 AD
5332
ROAD TO NORTH ORANGE
ELIZABETH RIVER
ISAAC PIERSON
1807 AD
1 272
AARON MUNN
ROBERT NICHOLS
1805 AD
S8 121
JOHN WARD
UZAL PIERSON
1777
JOSEPH CANFIELD
CALVIM GOBEL
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DECEMBER 2001 A.D.
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NORTH
SCALE 1" = 300'

CENTER STREET
SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE
SANFORD AVENUE
MILLER ST.
STUYVESANT AVENUE
VALLEY STREET
MUNN AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD AVENUE
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PRESENT STREET NAMES
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